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WET-STRENGTH RESIN

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Washington, D.C. 20231AMENDMENT B

Responsive to the Office Action of June 21, 2002, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims, please rewrite claims 1 and 8 as follows:

1. (AMENDED) A composition suitable for making acoustical  
tiles in a water-felting process, said composition comprising a lightweight mineral  
aggregate, cellulosic fiber, a binder and, optionally, mineral wool, said binder  
consisting essentially of a reactive water-soluble polymer binder and optionally,  
starch.

8. (AMENDED) The composition described in claim 1,  
comprising retention aid that promotes aggregation of said water soluble binder.

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